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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Edlund et al., US Pat. No. 6,484,162 B1.

3. As to claims 1, 16, 31, 46, 47 and 48, Edlund teaches a computer-implemented method, a computer readable medium, and system for providing links to one or more resources related to a specified resource comprising:

a resource management system for allowing a user to configure a relation comprising a matching criteria for the resource (col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 24);

means for associating the relation to the specified resource (col. 8, line 52 – col. 9, line 65 and col. 10, line 25 – col. 11, line 5);

means for storing the relation associated with the specified resource in a relation database coupled to the resource management system (col. 9, lines 1-65);

a search engine coupled to the resource management system for processing the relation to create a relation set comprising the links to the one or more related resources satisfying the matching criteria (col. 9, line 66 – col. 10, line 22); and

means for displaying the relation set to the user (col. 7, line 25 – col. 8, line 16).

4. As to claims 2, 17 and 32, Edlund teaches a user interface coupled to the resource management system for allowing the user to select a resource type to be returned, wherein, the resource management system includes means for receiving the user's selection and a relation engine for retrieving from the relation database a template corresponding to the resource type, wherein the template comprises a plurality of parameters associated with the corresponding resource type (col. 8, line 52 – col. 9, line 65).

5. As to claims 3, 18, 33, 34, and 35, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the resource management system further includes means for allowing the user to create the matching criteria utilizing the plurality of parameters via the user interface, wherein the one or more related resources satisfy the matching criteria (col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 67 and col. 8, line 52 – col. 9, line 65);

wherein the relation engine automatically retrieves and displays any previously defined relation for the resource in response to the user selecting the resource to be configured (col. 10, lines 25-62);

wherein the resource management system includes means for allowing the user to select a previously defined relation and allowing the user to update the matching criteria in the previously defined relation selected (col. 10, lines 25-62).

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6. As to claims 4, 19 and 36, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the relation further comprises a context constraint that imposes conditions not related to the matching criteria (col. 8, line 52 – col. 9, line 65).

7. As to claims 5, 20 and 37, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the relation engine automatically retrieves from the relation database a context template comprising a plurality of context parameters and the resource management system includes means for allowing the user to create or update the context constraint utilizing the plurality of context parameters (col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 67 and col. 8, line 52 – col. 9, line 65).

8. As to claims 6 and 21, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method and computer readable medium comprising storing the relation after it has been associated with the resource (col. 9, lines 1-65).

9. As to claims 7, 22 and 38, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the resource management system includes means for receiving the user's request to access the resource, and wherein the relation engine, in response to such a request, automatically retrieves the relation associated with the resource (col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 67).

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10. As to claim 39, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the resource management system includes means for passing the matching criteria associated with the relation to the search engine for execution (col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 67).

11. As to claims 8, 23 and 40, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the search engine includes means for locating the one or more related resources satisfying the matching criteria and means for collecting links for the one or more related resources to create the relation set (col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 67 and col. 8, line 52 – col. 9, line 65).

12. As to claims 9, 24 and 41, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the relation further comprises a context constraint that imposes one or more conditions not related to the matching criteria, wherein the one or more conditions includes a security criteria (col. 8, lines 17-49 and col. 11, lines 6-29).

13. As to claims 10, 25 and 42, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the resource management system includes means for examining the security criteria prior to passing the matching criteria to the search engine to determine whether the user is authorized to submit the relation and means for returning an error message to the user if the user is not authorized (col. 8, lines 17-49 and col. 11, lines 6-29)..

14. As to claims 11, 12, 13, 26, 27, 28 and 43, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein the resource management system includes means for examining the context constraint to determine whether the relation is executable upon request and means for instructing the relation engine retrieve a relation set most recently created if the relation is not executable upon request or if executable collecting links for the one or more related resources to create the relation set (col. 8, lines 17-49 and col. 11, lines 6-29).

15. As to claims 14, 29 and 44, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system wherein in response to the user's request to access the resource, the resource management system displays the relation associated with the resource via the user interface and wherein the resource management system further includes means for allowing the user to select the displayed relation, means for allowing the user to define one or more narrowing constraints, means for appending the one or more narrowing constraints to the matching criteria to form a modified matching criteria, and means for passing the modified matching criteria to the search engine for execution (col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 67 and col. 8, line 52 – col. 9, line 65).

16. As to claims 15, 30 and 45, Edlund teaches the computer-implemented method, computer readable medium, and system further comprising means for allowing the user to utilize the links in the relation set to navigate from the specified resource to the one or more

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resources satisfying the matching criteria (col. 3, lines 33-54 and col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 67).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul H. Kang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3882. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hour flex. First Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn can be reached on (571) 272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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